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A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese Application Serial No. 2001-000839, filed January 5, 2001. A copy of the Japanese Official Action in which they were cited is attached hereto, with what is believed to be the pertinent portion enclosed in a wavy line. An English translation of the enclosed portion is also attached hereto.

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AI	B2 59-23777	06/84	JP			with English abstract
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AK	A 63-126470	05/88	JP			with English abstract
AL	B1 57-21969	05/82	JP			with English abstract
AM	A 2000- 125760	05/00	JP			with English abstract
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- Official Gazette of Patent Application Publication Sho 57-21969
- Date of publication of application: May 11, 1982
- Application number: Sho 49-136661
- Date of filing: February 15, 1999
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· Abstract

Process for improving quality of food which contains protein, the process comprising adding a basic amino acid or the salt thereof in a solid phase to the food containing animal protein such as meat or meat product and processing the food (claim) is disclosed. This process is effective in improving the meat juice keeping ability and color of the meat. It is also disclosed that it is preferable to have the meat product which contains protein contacted with a monobasic amino acid which contains additive at the pH value of at least 6.0 or more.

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Notice of Ground of Rejection

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Applied Article	Paragraph 2, Article 29

The application should be rejected on the following ground. When
there is any opinion on this decision, the opinion should be submitted
15 within 60 days after the date of sending this notice.

Ground

The inventions of the following Claims of this application can be
20 easily invented by a person having ordinary knowledge in the field to
which the person belongs before the application based on the inventions
which are described in the following publications published in Japan or in
foreign countries or is made available for the public through means of
electrical communication before the application. Therefore, the patent
25 cannot be granted the application pursuant to the provision of Paragraph
2, Article 29 of the Patent Law.

Description

(For cited references, refer to the list of cited references)

Claims 1, 2, 4, 10 to 12

5 References 1 to 4

Notes

In Reference 1, it is described that an emulsion comprising animal and plant oils and fats, hydrolysis products of protein, a salt of phosphoric acid, natural gum and a flavoring agent is used as an emulsion for 10 processed meat (line 4 from the bottom, column 4 to line 10, column 5).

In Reference 2, an emulsion for processed meat comprising gelating agents comprising oils and fats, gums and agar, emulsifiers such as lecithin and fatty acid monoglycerides and flavoring agents such as amino acid extracts is described. (Claims, lines 7 to 10, lower left column, page 15 2; and lines 5 from the bottom to the bottom line, lower left column, page 3). The natural gum described above corresponds to the polysaccharide-based emulsion stabilizer of Claim 2 of the present application.

The inventions described in Reference 1 and Reference 2 are 20 different from the inventions of Claims 1 and 2 of the present application in that no basic amino acid or no salt thereof is comprised although conventional flavoring agents such as amino acid extracts are comprised.

However, it is described in Reference 3 that matured flavor is provided to meat by using amino acids such as L-arginine, L-lysine and 25 L-proline. It is recognized that using a basic amino acid such as arginine described above or a salt thereof in place of the flavoring component

described in References 1 and 2 is easy for a person skilled in the art.

It is also described in Reference 4 that a solution of a basic amino acid or a salt thereof can be used in place of an inorganic compound having phosphorus and, in particular, a salt of polyphosphoric acid, used 5 for an additive to a liquid injected into ham meat and the like (line 6 from the bottom, column 1 to line 6 from the bottom, column 2; lines 28 to 37, column 6; line 20, column 10 to line 29, column 11; line 35, column 12 to line 4, column 13; and line 14, column 14 to line 17, column 15). Therefore, it is recognized that using a basic amino acid or a salt thereof 10 in place of the phosphoric acid salt in Reference 1 is easy for a person skilled in the art.

Claims 3 and 5

References 1 to 5

15 Notes

It is described in Reference 5 that flowing out of drips during storing can be prevented by using a solution containing an alkali salt such as sodium carbonate and potassium carbonate as the liquid injected into processed meat (Claim; and from [0008] to [0010]). Therefore, it is 20 recognized that adding the above salt to the above emulsion for processing meat 1 is easy for a person skilled in the art.

Claims 6 to 9

References 1 to 5

25 Notes

The amounts of addition of components in Claim 6 are not

significantly different from the amounts of addition of components in References 1 to 4.

List of references

- 5 1. Official Gazette of Patent Application Publication No. Sho 59-23777
2. Official Gazette of Patent Application Laid-Open No. Sho 59-162853
3. Official Gazette of Patent Application Laid-Open No. Sho 63-126470
4. Official Gazette of Patent Application Publication No. Sho 57-21969
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記 (引用文献等については引用文献等一覧参照)

- ・請求項 1, 2, 4, 10-12
- ・引用文献 1-4
- ・備考

引用文献1に、動植物性油脂と蛋白加水分解物、磷酸塩、天然ガム、調味料を含む乳化物とからなる乳化液を加工肉用乳化液として用いることが記載されている（4欄下より4行～5欄10行）。また、引用文献2には、脂肪、ガム類や寒天からなるゲル化剤、レシチンや脂肪酸モノグリセライド等の乳化剤、アミノ酸エキス等の調味料を含む加工肉用エマルジョンが記載されている（特許請求の範囲、2頁左下欄7～10行、3頁左下欄下より5～最下行）。そして、前記天然ガムは本願請求項2の多糖類系乳化安定剤に相当する。

してみると、引用文献1及び2記載の発明は、アミノ酸エキス等の一般的な調味料を含むものの、特に塩基性アミノ酸及びその塩を含まない点で、本願の請求項1及び2に係る発明と相違している。

しかしながら、引用文献3には、L-アルギニンやL-リジン、L-プロリン等のアミノ酸を使用して肉に熟成風味を付与することが記載されているので、上記引用文献1及び2記載の調味成分に代えて、特に上記アルギニン等の塩基性アミノ酸又はその塩を使用することは当業者にとって容易に想到しうるところと認

められる。

また、引用文献4には、ハム肉等の注入液の添加剤として使用する無機リン含有化合物特にポリリン酸塩に代えて、塩基性アミノ酸又はその塩の溶液を使用することができると記載されている（1欄下より6行～2欄下より6行、6欄28～37行、10欄20行～11欄29行、12欄35行13欄4行、14欄14行～15欄17行）から、引用文献1において、磷酸塩に代えて塩基性アミノ酸又はその塩を使用することは当業者の容易に実施できるところと認められる。

- ・請求項 3, 5
- ・引用文献 1-5
- ・備考

引用文献5に、炭酸ナトリウムや炭酸カリウム等のアルカリ塩を含む溶液を加工肉の注入液として用いると、貯蔵中のドリップの流出を防止しうると記載されている（特許請求の範囲、【0008】～【0010】）から、該塩を上記食肉加工用乳化液に添加することは当業者であれば容易に想到しうることと認める。

- ・請求項 6-9
- ・引用文献 1-5
- ・備考

本願の請求項6に係る各成分の添加量は、引用文献1～4記載の各成分の添加量と顕著な差異はない。

引用文献等一覧

1. 特公昭59-23777号公報
 2. 特開昭59-162853号公報
 3. 特開昭63-126470号公報
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